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First Named Inventor	Hu	
Application Number	09/900,503	
Filing Date	07/06/2001	
Group Art Unit	3625	
Examiner Name	Smith, Jeffrey A.	
Title	Surgical Retractor Platform Blade Apparatus	

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 14, 2005 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before March 14, 2006, and which response period has been extended to April 14, 2006 by the Petition for a One Month Extension of Time filed concurrently herewith. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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